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I. At Kola Peninsula

1. Afrikanda II / Niva.

The runway extended to more than 2000 m. Railway, siding from the Murmansk railway about 2 km. Extensive construction works have taken place during the year. The field is regarded the most important in the area. Following types of aircraft are stationed at the field: An-2, YAK-18, Po-2, IL-28. Tu-14 type aircraft (type -35) have landed at the field on their way to Vayenga.

2. Alakurtii.

The runway in north-south direction is extended to 2300 m concrete. New runway east-west under construction on the west side of Tuntsayoki. Type of aircraft at the field: LI-2, YAK-11, YAK-12, MIG-15, MIG-17 (?). Four IL-28's were stationed at the field for some time. At least one regiment with MIG-15's are supposed to be stationed at the field.

3. Arktino. (Pos. 6900 N / 3307 E)

The field is supposed to be kept in reserve. Last information is from 1951 when the field was in reserve for the Naval Air Force during a maneuver.

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4. Apatity I.

The field is supposed to be abandoned.

5. Pedoseyevka (Fedosovo) I. (Pos. 6706 N / 3213 E)

There is no new information about this airfield. It is supposed inactive; may be abandoned.

6. Pedoseyevka II.

No new information.

7. Griasnaya Guba.

A new hangar-workshop has been constructed. Types of aircraft in the harbor are GST and maybe a new two-motor flying boat, type B-6. This last resembles a GST but is a completely new type. One regiment of reconnaissance aircraft is supposed to be stationed here, but of reduced strength.

8. Yokanga II.

This field is supposed to be kept for the use of light transport aircraft in connection with the transport to the meteorological station at the same place. During the winter of 1951 and 1952 the field was used by aircraft of types An-2 and S-2. No aircraft are stationed at this field.

9. Yokanga III.

No new information about this field.

10. Yurkino.

This airfield is supposed to be abandoned.

11. Kamennoye I.

This field is supposed not to be used. It has not been mentioned since 1951.

12. Kamennoye II.

No new information.

13. Kanda Guba I.

No new information about this field. It has not been mentioned lately but is supposed to be kept in reserve.

14. Kanda Guba II.

No new information.

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15. Kandalaksha

This airfield is supposed to be located about three km north of Kandalaksha and was used during the winter 1951 and 1952.

16. Kemskaya.

No new information; supposed to be abandoned.

17. Kildin I.

This naval airport was used by the Arctic Naval Air Force up to 1949 as landing place for the flying boats of the Catalina type, but they were not stationed at the port. It is supposed to be kept in good shape.

18. Kildin II.

Runway 900 by 90 m. No information since 1945 when it was used by fighters of Air Cobra type. Supposed to be abandoned.

19. Kipjarvi. (Pos. 6905 N / 3224 E)

From Apr to Dec 1950 the field was used by Po-2's and Li-2's, but as far as known has not been used since. Supposed to be in reserve or abandoned.

20. Kirovsk. (Pos. 6734 N / 3330 E)

The field is in use for transport aircraft of type Li-2 and An-2. No extension is known.

21. Kola-North. (Pos. 6854 N / 3306 E)

The field has been abandoned since 1946.

22. Kola-South

Runway 1200 m long. Is continuously in use by Po-2's and Li-2's. It is possible that the field has been extended lately. There is much air force personnel in the area and one unverified report says that MIG-15's are operating from the field. It is supposed that one air force staff is located in the neighborhood of the town.

23. Lovosero.

The field area is 3000 by 700 m (1948). The runway, gravel, is 1200 by 250 m (1948). The field is not supposed to have been used since 1951, but the runway is reported extended to 2000 m.

24. Laplandia.

The field is abandoned.

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25. Lowstara/Petchanga. (elevation 90 m above sea level)

The field area is 3000 by 3000 m. The runway, concrete, is 2200 m by 80 m. Types of aircraft on the field: Po-2, YAK-11, A-20 and MIG-15. At least one regiment of MIG-15's is stationed there. It is also possible that one airfield has been built or is under construction in position 6920 N / 3100 E as Li-2's are supposed to have landed here on several occasions.

26. Montschegorsk. (Pos. 6758 N / 3300 E)

This field is in use and there is a spur from the Murmansk railway at Olenya to Montschegorsk. Types of aircraft at the field: Po-2, Li-2, YAK-11, YAK-12, MIG-15. One regiment of MIG-15's is supposed to be stationed here. It is possible also that an airfield is located further south (in position 6754 N / 3250 E) as MIG-15's and Po-2's are reported operating from this place. Further information is not known. Two regiments of MIG-15's are supposed to be stationed in the area.

27. Murmachi II.

This field is supposed to be extended. Types of aircraft were earlier Po-2 and Li-2, but in 1953, IL-28's were reported operating from the field. The strength of aircraft is not known, but it is supposed that the regiment of light bombers earlier stationed there is now changed to IL-28's.

28. Murmachi III.

No new information.

29. Nautsi/Hetoya. (Pos. 690329 N / 290930 E)

The field can be extended to 2700 m but in Apr and May 1952 it could not be used without steel mats. The runway is 1500 by 200 m (northeast-southwest). No hangars.

30. Niva I. (Pos. 671926 N / 323530 E)

The field was used in 1951, but is supposed to be abandoned now.

31. Niva II

Abandoned

32. Niamosero

Supposed to be abandoned.

33. Olenya II.

In 1948 the field was a fighter airfield for piston-engined fighters. It is still in use and there are Po-2's, YAK-11's at the field and probably also MIG-15's. It is supposed to be an airfield for jet aircraft.

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34. Poldarnoye II.

Not in use and supposed to be abandoned.

35. Pulonga.

No new information. Not in operation and believed to be abandoned.

36. Ponoi I.

In the area northeast of Kanevka there is an airfield supposed to be Ponoi I. In 1953, twelve MIG-15's flew from the Murmansk area, landed at the field and were operating from it for a couple of days. Then they returned to the Murmansk area. The field is supposed to be in reserve for jet fighters, but it is not permanently manned.

37. Pumarki. (Pos. 6946 N / 3158 E)

The field is not in operation and is not supposed to have been used in 1952 and 1953. The runway is about 1500 m long.

38. Salmijärvi. (Pos. 691930 N / 300030 E)

The runways: Northeast-southwest 1500 m (1951), northwest-southwest 1100 m (1951). It has two buildings supposed to be hangars. Fuel tanks of unknown capacity are built into the mountain side. The field is not used or manned.

39. Schongui I.

The runway is 1300 to 1400 m long. There is a spur from the Murmansk railway. The field has been used by one regiment of YAK-9's but has been inactive since 1952. Air force personnel has been observed in the area and the field is therefore supposed to be in use.

40. Sirves Järvi.

No information.

41. Subovka.

Inactive; supposed to be abandoned.

42. Taibola I.

The field is supposed to be partly manned and in reserve. Air force personnel has been observed in the area.

43. Taibola II.

Probably a "dummy" field.

44. Tavand Lake

No information.

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45. Teriberka

This field has been used during recent years, also by MIG-15's. There is, however, some skepticism as to what extent the field can be used by jets.

46. Tikosero I.

Supposed to be abandoned.

47. Tulpjärvi

No information.

48. Umba I.

No information

49. Ura Guba (Pos. 6912 N / 3245 E)

The field was, from the middle of 1951 to the beginning of 1952, used by small aircraft. Since then it has not been used and is supposed to be only a landing place for small aircraft.

50. Vayenga I.

Field area is 4500 by 1000 m. The runway north-south, concrete, is 2100 m long. The following types of aircraft were operating from the field in 1952 and 1953: Po-2's, Li-2's, An-2's (just for landing and take-off), YAK 11's, YAK-18's, MIG-15's, MIG-17's (?), IL-28's, YU-14's (type-35), TU-4's. At least 12 IL-28's have been at the field at the same time. Two squadrons are supposed to be here, one jet fighter regiment (MIG-15), may be two, and one regiment of light bombers (IL-28).

51. Vayenga II. (Elevation 80 m above sea level)

Runway 1800 by 150 m. The field is located close to Vayenga III. It is not certain, but one of the fields, may be both of them, has been extended to be used by jets. If both fields are regarded together they have the following types of aircraft: Po-2's, YAK-11, A-20 (Boston), LA-11, YAK-18, IL-28 (spring 1953), Li-2 and An-2. One Tu-16 has been reported. On the two fields are stationed one regiment of jet fighters (MIG-15) and one other regiment, maybe light bombers.

52. Vayenga III

The field supposed to be extended. (see above)

53. Nayenskoye

No information

54. Vayenga Bay

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55. Titovka

No information

II. In Karelia1. Achvan Lambi

Is not supposed to have been in use since 1950. Some information says that an airfield in this area has been under extension.

2. Bielomorsk I and B. II.

No new information.

3. Bielomorsk III. (Pos. 6433 N / 3454 E)

The field is under operation and the following types have been observed since 1952: Po-2, YAK-11 and YAK-12.

4. The following fields are abandoned: Boyarskaya, Engosero, Idelosero, Vendoguba, Koleshma, Lebedewo, Louchi I.

5. Letniaya.

Not in operation since 1950, but supposed to be kept as an alternate landing place.

6. Louchi II.

This was a fighter airfield in 1948. It was in use from Apr to Dec 1951 and again in 1952. There are possibilities for extension but it is not known whether this has been done. It is not supposed to be in use; kept in reserve.

7. Louchi III.

This was also a fighter airfield in 1948, but might be abandoned now.

8. The following airfields are supposed to be abandoned: Masselskaya I, Masselskaya II, and Masselskaya III.

9. Mikkolya.

Not in operation since 1951.

10. Nurmolla (Nurmaliza). (Pos. 6103 N / 3258 E)

Two staffs are known to be in this area. They are supposed to be staffs for one jet fighter regiment (MIG-15) and one jet light bomber regiment (IL-28). There is also another airfield in the area, in the neighborhood of Olonez. Both fields can be used by jets. The aircraft are supposed to be stationed as follows: At Olonez: Po-2, YAK-11, YAK-12, MIG-15.

At Nurmaliza: IL-28, Li-2.

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11. Poliarnyi Krug I.

This field was a base in 1948 for YAK-9's. Was also in use Apr to Dec 1950 and is now probably in reserve.

12. Petrozavodsk. (Pos. 6146 N / 3421 E)

Two airfields seem to be located in this area, one bigger and one smaller. On the big field the types are supposed to be: An-2, Li-2, YAK-11, YAK-12, MIG-15, MIG-17 (?), IL-28. On the smaller field: An-2, Li-2, IL-10, A-20, YAK-11, YAK-12, MIG-15. There is also the possibility of a third airfield in the Petrozavodsk area, in position 6152 N / 3417 E. Further information unknown.

13. Segesha.

Supposed to be kept in reserve.

14. Schomba.

Abandoned.

15. Sosnovets.

Seems to be abandoned.

16. Uchta I.

Abandoned.

17. Uchta II.

The field is supposed to be used by transport aircraft. There is a radar station in the neighborhood.

18. Uchmana I. (Pos. 645420 N / 341050 E)

The runway, concrete, is more than 2000 m long. There is a great activity and one fighter regiment (MIG-15's) is stationed at the field. Types of aircraft at the field: Li-2, YAK-11, YAK-12, MIG-15, MIG-17 (?). Earlier also Po-2 and IL-28's have landed at the field.

19. Sortevala/Helylä. (Pos. 6144 N / 3045 E)

Part of 1953 there has been one squadron of MIG-15's at this field. Now there are only Po-2's. There is a staff in the area.

20. Vitele. (Pos. 6111 N / 3225 E)

Runways are north-south 2000 m by 400 m. East-west 1200m by 200 m. It is supposed that some IL-28's from Nurmaliza have been stationed here for some time.

21. Korkari. (Pos. 6228 N / 3337 E)

Supposed to be in use. In 1952 there were Po-2's here.

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22. Kudom Guba. (Pos. 6252 N / 3223 E)

This field was in use in 1952.

23. Medvezia Gora. (Pos. 6257 N / 3430 E)

Quite a lot of air force personnel has been observed in this area.

24. Ontersen-arri / Nardrenova Gora. (Pos. 6406 N / 3245 E)

This field was in operation in 1951

25. Sulstamo. (Pos. 6156 N / 3109 E)

In 1949 there were Il-10's on this field, but no aircraft have been reported in 1953.

26. Tava-järvi. (Pos. 6606 N / 3008 E)

This field is reported to have a runway of concrete (1948). It has been used but the situation today is not known. The air activity seems to indicate an airfield in this area.

27. Porkkala.

This field is at Friggesby. The runway, concrete, is 2200 m long. Near the field are radar and radio stations. MIG-15's are permanently stationed at the field. Up to twenty-six MIG-15 and never less than eighteen have been observed. Other types at the field are Li-2 and Po-2.

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